

Bioterrorism Preparedness and Response Project Profile MISSISSIPPI

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Focus Areas Funded	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Surveillance and Epidemiology – Core Activities • Laboratory Capacity – Biological Agents
Mississippi has strengthened its capacity to respond to threats of bioterrorism by:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coordinating surveillance and epidemiology activities to assure that bioterrorism epidemiologic response efforts are integrated with the state's existing infrastructure; • Conducting lectures and training for District Health Officers, district epidemiology nurses, chief nurses, and other program staff; • Reviewing response plans for bioterrorist events. • Developing a list of licensed physicians and hospitals for broadcast fax communications; • Conducting presentations on bioterrorism preparedness and planning for partners including the University of Mississippi Medical Center, the Mississippi Chapter of the Academy of Family Practitioners, local hospitals, the Mississippi Veterinary Medical Association, and other groups; • Beginning negotiations with the University of Mississippi Medical Center Infectious Disease Physicians for bioterrorism training programs to be conducted in hospitals throughout the state; • Participating in a Domestic Preparedness Chemical Weapons Tabletop Exercise and a Weapons of Mass Destruction Tabletop Exercise; • Adopting laboratory procedures for biological agents; • Improving overall capabilities to rapidly detect and identify biological agents that could be used in a terrorist event; and, • Providing training workshops for 168 laboratory personnel from local hospital labs, physician clinics, and health departments in laboratory and referral methods.
Project Year 2 Plans (August 31, 2000-August 30, 2001) include:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assessing the capacity of the local, district and state workforce, determining training needs, and developing training materials; • Enhancing collaboration between public health and partners on infectious disease surveillance and epidemiology relative to bioterrorism; • Ensuring integration of anti-bioterrorism activities into existing activities such as Hazardous Substance Emergency Events Surveillance, influenza surveillance, disease reporting, and the planning process organized by the Division of Emergency Medical Services; • Developing algorithms for the investigation of potential bioterrorism events;

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Developing a public health surveillance and epidemiologic response plan for bioterrorist events;• Assessing the usefulness and feasibility of electronic reporting and evaluating hardware and software for the development of this capability;• Developing a seminar for health care providers on infectious disease surveillance and epidemiology for bioterrorism events;• Drafting a guidance document for hospital bioterrorism preparedness planning;• Continuing training of laboratory personnel in the detection of biological agents that could be used in a terrorist event;• Obtaining and installing a laboratory patient information system to enhance the transfer of information between the laboratory and the Epidemiology Unit;• Collecting electronic reports on all emergency medical calls for data analysis; and,• Hiring a Data Manager to provide data integration of surveillance programs and assist in implementing the Laboratory Information Management System (LIMS) with emphasis on electronic reporting of epidemiologic data from the public health laboratory to appropriate disease control programs. |
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